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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
HELD AT 408 CALIFORNIA STREET (AFTER DUE  
NOTICE), ON DECEMBER 12, 1889.

Vice-President PIERSON in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On motion of E. J. MOLERA, duly seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That this Society hereby accepts from ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY, Esq., his generous gift of twenty-five hundred dollars, and that WILLIAM M. PIERSON, its First Vice-President, and CHARLES BURCKHALTER, its Secretary, be authorized and empowered to execute in duplicate on behalf of this Society, and to attach thereto its corporate seal, the following acceptance of said gift, and to deliver a duplicate original thereof to said ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY.

*Resolved*, That upon the receipt of said twenty-five hundred dollars the same be deposited, for the present, in equal proportions in the San Francisco Savings Union and the German Savings and Loan Society, until such time as this Board can consider the best means of investing the same.

*Resolved*, That EDWARD S. HOLDEN, the President of this Society, be and he is authorized to return to Mr. MONTGOMERY the thanks of this Society for his munificent gift in aid of the Science of Astronomy.

THE ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY FUND OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY  
OF THE PACIFIC.

ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY, of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, hereby gives to the ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC (a corporation) the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, gold coin of the United States. The Board of Directors of said Society may determine by the consent, in writing, of at least three-fourths of all its members, whether such fund shall be employed in the procuring of suitable dies, the investment of the remainder thereof in a safe manner, and the striking annually from said dies of a Gold Medal to be awarded by said Society for services to Astronomy; or whether such fund shall be employed by said Society in the purchase of an Astronomical Library for said Society; or whether said fund shall be divided, and if so, how divided, and employed for both said purposes. The decision of said three-fourths of said Directors as to how said fund shall be employed shall be final and unalterable.

In case said fund, or any part thereof, shall be, as aforesaid, applied to the purposes of a medal, the rules for its award shall be adopted by the consent in writing of at least three-fourths of all the Directors of said Society, and said medal shall be forever known as the "ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY MEDAL" of said Society.

In case said fund, or any part thereof, shall be, as aforesaid, applied to the purchase of an Astronomical Library for said Society, the said library shall be forever known as the "ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY LIBRARY" of said Society.

The Astronomical Society of the Pacific hereby accepts said gift under the conditions aforesaid.

In token of the said donation and of its acceptance, and of the mutual agreement of the said donor and donee as to the conditions of the said gift, and that the same may be a matter of perpetual record, the said ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY has hereto set his hand and seal, and the said Astronomical Society of the Pacific has caused WILLIAM M. PIERSON, its First Vice-President, and CHARLES BURCKHALTER, its Secretary, thereto duly authorized by its Board of Directors, to hereto set its corporate name and affix its corporate seal, this twelfth (12) day of December, A. D. 1889, in duplicate.

(Signed) ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY. [SEAL.]

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC,  
(Signed) By WM. M. PIERSON,  
Vice-President.

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC,  
(Signed) By CHAS. BURCKHALTER,  
Secretary.

Adjourned.